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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Mark your calendars!**  
**Start your planning!**  
**Hang out with neighbors!**  
**National Night Out (NNO)**  
**is Tuesday, October 2nd**  
**from 7-9pm**

## Fourth of July Parade – We Couldn't Do It Without Sponsors

Adam Haynes

**T**he Allandale neighborhood parade is the longest running neighborhood parade in the city and we had another successful celebration of America's birthday this year.

There is no doubt that much of our success is due to our neighbors who design floats, drive their antique cars, and decorate bikes and scooters in red, white, and blue. We are all happy to celebrate our freedom together. But, we would not be able to host our parade without our generous sponsors. So the next time you are deciding to go out to eat, shop, or find a little entertainment, remember to support those who support us.

Thanks to: Alamo Drafthouse, Amy's Ice Cream, Cover 3, El Dorado Cafe, Hat Creek Burgers, Monkey Nest Coffee, Phil's Icehouse, Tiny Pies, and Top Notch for providing all the great gift cards for the parade winners. Thanks to the generous contribution of HEB, we kept folks cool and hydrated with cold bottled waters. And thanks to Taco Shack for providing the free breakfast tacos once again this year. ☼

## New to Allandale?

Ranleigh Hirsh

**I**f you are receiving your first issue of the Allandale Neighbor Newsletter, welcome to Allandale! We are very happy you've moved to the best neighborhood in Austin. We are a close-knit community of 4800 residences, businesses, schools and much more bounded by Anderson Lane on the north, MoPac freeway to the west, 45th street to the south and Burnet Road to the east. Our newsletter is delivered to your door every two months to keep you informed of what is going on, on your street and in your neighborhood.

The Allandale Neighborhood Association is an all-volunteer crew who works to better communication and community interaction with our neighbors, city of

## Allandale Neighborhood Association Bylaws Changes Proposed

Adam Haynes

**T**he Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) Executive Committee is proposing several changes to the operating bylaws of the Association. These

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## Your opinion counts - It's your park!

Ranleigh Hirsh

**D**id you visit Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park, our neighborhood jewel, this summer? Did you notice the new look for the pool

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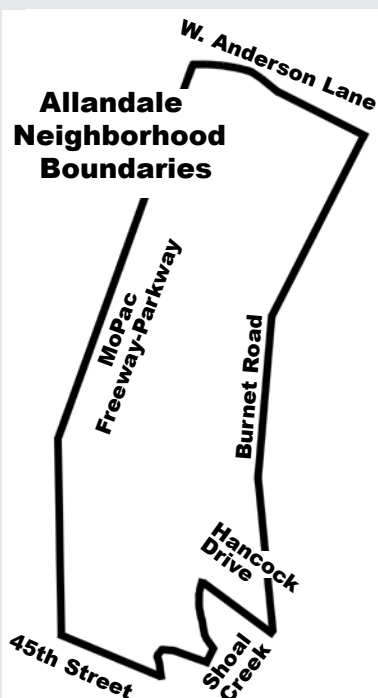
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## President's Letter: 'Joyed It!

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My wife, Cristina, and I collect Texasisms. I'm a Native and came to Austin like a lot of transplants via the University of Texas. Cristina is one of "those Californians," but it was not for the usual tax-dodging reasons—I dragged her here, only barely with her permission. After she arrived, she started noticing some strange phraseology—and the obvious mispronunciations of Spanish words. One day she came home from work to tell me about how her well-educated friend used the phrase "might could" in a sentence. When she asked her friend about this, her friend didn't believe she actually said it! I told her I had never heard of such a thing, despite growing up in the state. Of course, I had been brought up in that cosmopolitan concrete jungle, Houston, and lived out of state for many years, so I might could have never heard it before.

Now that it's been brought to my attention, "might could" turns out to be way more common than I ever knew. That's not an endorsement, I'm just sayin'.

Another Texasism that has come into my life (which I do endorse) is the phrase, "Joyed it!" This one was brought to me by my mother, who picked it up from country boy golfers who use the term after finishing the 18th Hole, shaking hands, taking off their hats, and saying their farewells.

Since this is my farewell President's Message, I figured there was no better title than, "Joyed it!"

If you have been following my column and the newsletter over the past year, you

have seen our many articles about CodeNEXT, which caused deep concern for my fellow Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) board members and me because of its anticipated major negative impacts on the neighborhood and the city.

I'm happy to say, in my final President's Message, CodeNEXT is dead.

On August 1, Mayor Steve Adler wrote a letter on the City Council message board titled, "We Should Consider if We Need a New and Different Process to Fix our Land Development Code." (<https://tinyurl.com/adler-codenix>) In that message he said, "Change happens at the speed of trust. As a Council, city staff and community, we must restore trust in a process to revise our land development code, and that means we need a new and different, clear and concise path that can move us forward." That was followed by message board posts from Councilmembers Kitchen, Flannigan, Casar, Garza, and Renteria, agreeing with the mayor. Councilmember Ora Houston tweeted, "The fact the code rewrite was coming off the rails is not a new revelation. Between the first and second draft, community members from both sides of the issue were expressing concerns that the public engagement did not respond to or consider their input."

Our councilmember, Leslie Pool, has long been critical of CodeNEXT and was supportive of the citizen-initiated ballot initiative to require comprehensive land development code rewrites like CodeNEXT to be approved by a public vote. Despite the fact that over 31,000

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Austinites signed the petition—including many in Allandale—the City Council voted 6-4 not to put the petition on the November ballot. Mayor Adler voted against it going on the ballot as well. However, they also voted to put the petition on the ballot if a state judge ordered them to do so. That occurred on July 16, when District Judge Orlinda Naranjo “ruled it was premature for the City Council to prevent Austin residents from voting on the petition ordinance,” according to the Austin American-Statesman.

A third victory occurred in July after members of the ANA Board met with

Councilmember Pool, city staff, and representatives from Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) about SCC’s draft proposal to put a two-lane protected bike lane on Shoal Creek between 38th Street and Foster Lane. No parking would be allowed on the west side of the street under the plan, and sidewalk widening is being proposed as well. The ANA heard significant opposition to this plan from neighbors in December, as well as in June. After the meeting, it was decided that additional input was needed from the neighborhood, and this section of the Shoal Creek Trail Plan should no longer be considered

the #1 Priority Project. As Adam Haynes notes on page 21, we have established a special committee to take neighborhood input on the matter and will be sharing that with Councilmember Pool and SCC leadership.

Although there have been some tough fights while I’ve been the ANA president, I’m glad I could leave with these important victories behind us. I have great faith in my fellow ANA board members who will carry on the important work of the organization. If you haven’t joined the ANA, please do today.

In closing, I gotta say, “Joyed it!” ☼

## Your opinion counts - It's your park!

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entrance, mulched trees, picnic tables, BBQ grills or the playscape turtle? Allandale neighbors continue to commit their time and talent to improve our district park - more can be done with your input and support. How?

**Take our park survey at  
[www.tinyurl.com/  
northwestparksurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/northwestparksurvey)**

Friends of Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park continues to receive responses to our survey as you can see by the thermometer gage. We need many more to help focus goals and priorities on possible improvements needed for our park. Opinions gathered with the survey help support efforts to attract thousands of dollars in matching grants from partners like Austin

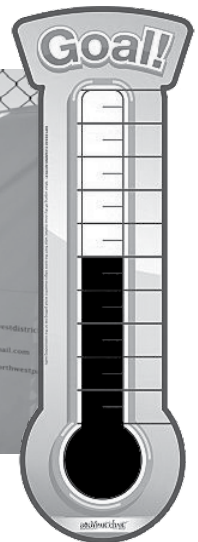


Parks Foundation (APF) and the Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP). Survey responses demonstrate community support to our partners and help them award grants with confidence that park users have spoken and have been heard.

What does all this mean? Survey responses direct the priority of our identified projects, help identify new projects and reveal areas of most need. All helping

to define a road-map for Northwest District

Park. In the order specified in the road-map, each project will be designed, planned, and estimated to provide a “shovel ready” project for grant applications and fundraising efforts. But it all starts with you, voicing your opinions when responding to our survey. ☼



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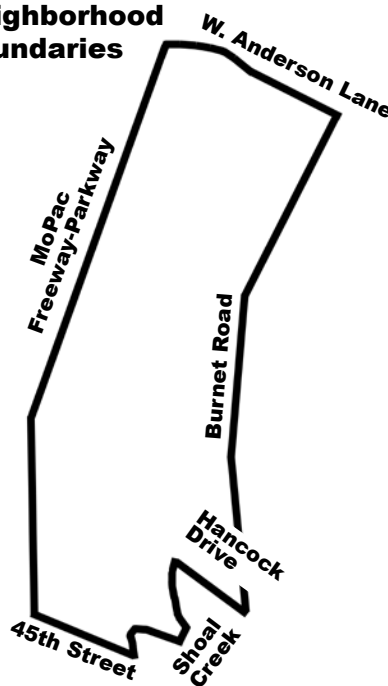
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Austin departments and Travis County. Our City Council member Leslie Pool or a member of her staff are often at our monthly meetings that are held at Northwest Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting agendas are published prior to each meeting on our Yahoo group (Send an email to [allandale-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:allandale-subscribe@yahoo.com) to join) and at our website. Each meeting will have one or two items with guest presenters providing in-depth information on topics relevant to our community. Please join us if you can.

Our website [www.allandaleneighbor.com](http://www.allandaleneighbor.com) is full of useful information and current events, and you can join our neighborhood association by using the membership link at the top. If you are a Facebook user join our group by searching for "Allandale Neighbors" or if you are fond of Twitter follow @AllandaleNA. Lastly, on Nextdoor.com you will find both a

### Neighborhood Boundaries



North and South Allandale group.

We are very glad you've moved into Allandale, please come out and meet your neighbors. ❖

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changes will be considered at its General Membership meeting on September 5. The meeting will be held at the Northwest Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. You can review the proposed changes on the association's website at <https://allandale-neighbor.com>. ☼

## Letters to the Editor:

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## Allandale Outside: Hyacinth Bean at the Toybrary

Faye L Holland

I have been teaching preschool gardening at the Toybrary, 2001 Justin Lane, for a year and a half. I was sad to have my last day with the students, children and parents. There have been days when it has been so hot no one wanted to be outside and also days that were so cold that no one wanted to be outside. It was so wonderful to open the door and hear the kids yell, "Ms. Faye is here!" It is great to be doing something so connected with the seasons and the weather and with such sweet little children and parents. Each week we would eat, plant a plant or a seed, do a craft, sing a song and/or read about a topic based on local food or gardening. I learned so much about what was interesting to little kids.

Some of it was surprising! They wouldn't even try a dried fig because it looked too weird, but a fig cookie might be ok. It is important to show children that there are so many different types of

foods out in the world to try. One two-year-old girl was so enamored with the pickled okra one week that I needed to hide the jar. As watering your plants deeply is necessary, watering the garden quickly became a class highlight. These kids learned this without needing a lesson. They did need direction in making sure all of the garden gets watered or we would end up with a big puddle in the front that might wash the seeds away. Ms. Andrea will be taking over the gardening class. Please check the Toybrary website for times and dates.

We had many great successes including the hyacinth bean, also known as the Jefferson Bean because it was grown at his home in Monticello. Hyacinth beans are super easy to grow from seed. We had six volunteer plants come up at the Toybrary this spring. The leaves of the plant are a dark green with a pretty point while the tendrils and stalks have a purple hint to them. The flowers are a lovely purple and are just gorgeous when they are cascading down together. Last year we were able to break open loads of the pods and put them in envelopes for the kids and parents to take home. I have this vision of

many more tendrils of hyacinth bean plants and their brilliant flowers peeking over fences around Allandale and Brentwood. It is a beautifully striking plant and the flowers are edible. The beans are poisonous to eat fresh but can be eaten after being boiled three times and the water discarded twice. That made me a little wary to try them. However, I have tried the flowers and they taste a little like green beans and would be colorful addition to any salad.

Get ready for the fall vegetable growing season! It is one of the best times to grow and harvest in Central Texas! Not much goes on in August plant-wise just do your best to keep your gardens alive.

### Here are some upcoming gardening dates.

Gussy Up Gullet's Campus August 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Free City of Austin composting class August 18, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Recycled Reads on Burnet

Sustainable Food Center gardening classes: garden leadership September 18 and 19; food gardening classes September 22 and 29 ❖

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# BUG OFF! Head Lice

Wizzie Brown

**H**ead lice can become a problem brought home from summer camp or during the school year. These insects are small, tan to gray, and wingless. Eggs, also called nits, are glued to the hair shaft near the scalp. Nits are dark in color until they have hatched and turn white. It takes seven to 11 days for eggs to hatch. Females lay three to five eggs each day and live from seven to 10 days.

Head lice reside on the hairy part of the head. If they drop off, they only live for about two days. They are incapable of surviving on pets and are not known to transmit any diseases from person to person.

Several states, including Texas, now have what are being called “super lice.” Essentially these lice are resistant to pesticides commonly found in over the counter lice treatments. If you are using an over the counter treatment for lice and they are not dying, then you need to see a

physician. Doctors are able to prescribe other treatments that can kill the lice.

## To manage lice:

1. Use an effective treatment. Head lice shampoos contain insecticides, so they must be used properly and with care. Wash the infested person's hair in a sink or basin so insecticide does not come into contact with other parts of the body. The person shampooing should wear rubber gloves. Do NOT use off label products such as flea and tick shampoo, other insecticides, or gasoline. Only treat the infested person(s), but check everyone in the household.
2. Hair combing is an extremely important step in controlling head lice. Shampoos may not kill all eggs, so thorough combing can help remove eggs from the hair

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shaft. Wet hair and use a special metal louse comb to comb through small sections of hair. Remove debris from the comb with a tissue and place it in a plastic bag that can be sealed and disposed of when you are finished combing through all hair. Hair should be combed daily until no more lice or nits are found.

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3. Clothing and bedding of the infested person should be washed in hot, soapy water at the same time as the treatment. If items cannot be washed, try dry cleaning. For items that cannot be laundered, place them in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for at least 24 hours.
4. It's important to contact anyone your child has had close contact with to let them know of the head lice infestation. This can help everyone manage the problem at the same time so there is less chance of reinfestation occurring.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com) ☼

## Allandale Eating - A Field of Hoppy Dreams in the 78758 Beer District

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

One of the joys of living in Austin for the past 30 years has been seeing local restaurants develop into the internationally-recognized scene-cuisine it is today. The same can be said for the micro-brew scene where people come from all over to sip our suds. When we first moved to Austin, it was just Bud Light and Shiner Bock. In 1992, Celis appeared and then, suddenly, with a subtle change in statute, brewpubs hopped onto the scene, first with Waterloo Brewing Company (the first post-prohibition brewpub in Texas) followed by Bitter End Bistro and Brewery and Cooper Tank Brewing Company.

These days, there are 31 breweries and brewpubs in Austin with more on the

way. Just up the road from Allandale, in the 78758 warehouse district near Burnet and Rutland (known among those in the know as "The Beer District") are six breweries (with a seventh on the way) and a cidery, all of which are open to the public for flights and pints (and maybe a tour).

If you took the bus (or had a reliable designated driver), you could theoretically visit all of these breweries on foot over the course of a day. In fact, it's not unusual to see pint zombies wandering Braker, Burnet, Metric, and Rutland groaning "Hops... HOPS..." Because of my selfless personality and willingness to sacrifice for

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the greater good of you, my dear neighbors, I visited each of these places (thankfully not all on the same day). All of these breweries offer tasting flights of in-the-store wares and creative brewery-only brews. In alphabetical order, my thoughts are below.

## 4th Tap Brewing Cooperative (10615 Metric Boulevard)

When 4th Tap, a worker-owned brewery, first opened, they had three mainstay beers with the 4th tap reserved for rotating seasonals. Today, 4th Tap has 10 taps with three core beers (+2 Vitality [blonde with cardamom], Can You Dig It? [Amber Ale], and Kung Fu Robot [citra and mosaic IPA]) plus an additional seven orbitals (beers that come and go). The Sun Eater (rosemary gruit + strawberries) was so refreshing, we immediately went to the store to buy a few six packs. A few others we tried and enjoyed were Crystal Lake (chamomile ale), Hastur's Best (saison), and a Zephyr (American Pale Ale). The 4th Tap offers indoor conditioned and outdoor covered seating, although the western sun can be brutal. The tasting room has a small stage and video games and, in the back of the brewery, a regulation-sized boxing ring for special events (with emphasis on "special"). A food trailer has been out front every time we've been there. Ten dollars for a flight of five five-ounce tasters.

## Adelberts (2314 Rutland Drive)

Cringes of cringes (among certain boozy circles), I am not big on hop-forward beers. If I wanted to nuke my taste buds with puckering bitterness, I'd lick rancid lemon juice off an asphalt parking

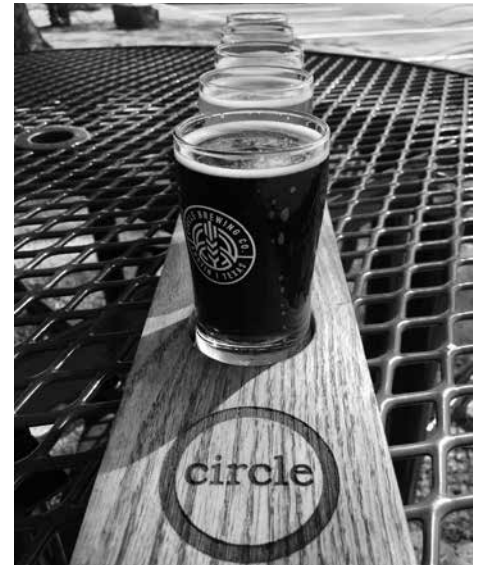
lot. Here is where Adelberts (uh-dell-berts; named in tribute to the founder's world-traveling brother) is a godsend since most of their beers are not hopped up. Berts sports a small tasting room among a number of barrel-aged beers (drinkers tip: if you see "barrel-aged" in the description, try it!). There's also limited outdoor seating and often a food truck. Adelberts serves up large, eight-ounce pours in their flights at \$14.09 for six samples and a keepsake glass (and tour if you're there at the right time). We enjoyed a Hibiscus Saison, a Barrel of Love (whiskey-barrel aged quad), and seasonal Cherry Chocolate Sour.

## Austin Beerworks (3001 Industrial Terrace)

These folks are funky and fun, and that vibe delightfully carries over to their brewery and brews. It may have been the buzz I was riding from the previous brewery, but I had the most fun in this bright and cheery spot. AB has 11 beers on tap that include their four cores, a couple seasonals, and five creative-as-hell exclusives. We focused our flight mostly on the exclusives, which were mostly sours: Watermelon and Mint Finkle, Pomegranate Blood Orange Finkle, Cherry Finkle, and, for grins, a Spud Light (a premium potato lager). What is a finkle, you ask? Let's ask Ace Ventura: "Einhorn is Finkle... Finkle is Einhorn!" Austin Beerworks has a large AC'd interior as well as a large shaded outdoor space. Four five-ounce tasters will set you back \$10.

## Celis Brewery (10001 Metric Boulevard)

Pierre Celis started brewing beers in



A flight of Circle Brewing Company goodness.

the 1960s in his hometown in Belgium where he is credited for single-handedly bringing back witbier. Wanting to expand his brewing empire to the United States, he packed his yeast strain in his sock and flew to Austin in 1992. Later that year he opened Austin's first craft brewery, a brewery that quickly garnered national attention. Sadly, the brewery struggled and closed at the end of 2000 after Miller Brewing Company bought it. Michigan Brewing Company subsequently bought the Celis name and recipes and brewed Celis beers until its own closing in 2012. Pierre died in 2011, but his daughter Christine, who stayed in Austin, re-acquired the name and restarted the brewery in 2017, exactly 25 years after the Austin brewery first opened. Even better, the brewer, Daytona Camps, is Christine's daughter and Pierre's grand-

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daughter. The centerpiece of the tasting room is an enormous copper kettle where the Celis wares are served. I went with the flight of four five-ounce samples for \$10 of Raspberry on Nitro, (the classic) White, Citris Grandis, and Lime Berliner Weiss. Tours are available as are food trucks.

### Circle Brewing Company (2340 West Braker Lane)

When we pulled up at 4:30 pm to an empty parking lot, we yelled: "Where is everyone?" We soon found out: here is a taproom with no AC! The bar is strung with oscillating fans, but they felt like solar flares and hair dryers. Nonetheless, we sat out at a picnic table where at least the natural breezes felt like they were under 100 degrees. Circle offers five five-ounce samples for \$10. We tried the Alibi (blonde), the Blur (Texas hefe and a fave of ours), Falkor (wit), Doppel Blur (imperial hefe; always try stuff named doppel!), and Party Pig (imperial porter). These dudes, who share aerospace, financing, and MBA degrees between the two of 'em, won a world beer cup award for their Archetype (historical IPA) brewed to taste like an IPA from hun-

dreds of years ago (not on the sampling menu but available). There were no food trucks there during our Sunday visit. The special events calendar had Pints and Poses Beer Yoga (detox and retox) which might also qualify as hotbox yoga. Not sure what fans of this brewery are called (Circle Jerks? Raddi? Arc Angels), but we'll be circling back for more (once the temps go down).

### Oskar Blues Brewery (10420 Metric Boulevard)

This brewery is almost a speakeasy since you practically have to know where it is and the tricks-of-the-trade to get there. Have a friend take you for your first time if you can. Speaking of cans, Oskar Blues, originally from Colorado



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with outposts here and in North Carolina, claims to have started the craft-beer-in-a-can craze. Many of their beers are IPA, which is what made their name, but they also showcase beers for non-hoppers

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## More Allandale Eating – Quick Bites

Robert E. Mace

The big news in foodland is the closing of The Frisco Shop, the storied Allandale eatery open for 65 years as part of the fabled Night Hawk chain. Named after the Night Hawk's most popular burger, the more informal Frisco opened in 1953 at Burnet and Koenig and was among the first restaurants in Austin to desegregate in 1959, five years before the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I'll miss enjoying their hearty breakfasts at the front counter near the delightful greeter, Darrel Webber. If you need to bite into memories, Night Hawk Frozen Foods, now run out of Buda, still lives on.

Ramen Tatsu-Ya's space next to Tacodeli has folks a-buzz over what might go in there. The Tatsu-Ya twins, Takuyo Matsumoto and Tatsu Aikawa, have mixed things up with their recent openings with twists on their original ramen restaurant. The TBC license application refers to Dip Dip Dip Tatsu-Ya, perhaps suggesting a shabu shabu dipping-noodles joint. Work is progressing on the new space, but there's no news of when Dip Dip Dip will open. My chopsticks and dippers (they are thin, so they are skinny dippers) are at the ready...

In national news, The Daily Meal, in its list of the 101 Best Burgers in the United States, listed Hopdoddy Burger Bar at #49. AFAR included SPUN Ice Cream and Lick Honest Ice Cream in its list of "15 Unique Ice Cream Shops in the US." Staying with icy treats, Culture

Map Austin recommended Halo-Halo at Be More Pacific and mega shakes at The Peached Tortilla as part of its list of "7 Coolest Austin Ice Cream Treats to Beat the Summer Heat." Culture Map also marked Barley Swine, Jack Allen's Kitchen, and Pour House Pub as part of "7 North Austin Happy Hours for Cheap Eats and Discounted Drinks."

Eater Austin has been a little out of control lately with its list-making, so I'll focus on places that don't usually get mentioned. Eater included Little Deli and Brentwood Social House as kid-friendly restaurants that aren't boring. In its list of cheap happy hours, Eater adds Be More Pacific, T22 Chicken Joint, and The Peached Tortilla to the list. Eater recs The Aristocrat (Formerly Known as The Poodle Dog Lounge) for its frozen cocktails. Barlett's, Billy's on Burnet, and Citizen Eatery were Eater-listed for sling-ing exceptional veggie burgers. Eater included Gusto as a charming Italian restaurant and marked Fonda San Miguel and Biderman's Deli as essential Austin restaurants. Eater also tagged Bartlett's, Little Deli, and Billy's on Burnet as among Austin's most underrated restau-



A couple quarter moons and a croissant from Summer Moon.

rants. Finally, despite the summer months not ending in R, Eater included Lucy's Fried Chicken as a great bet for raw oysters.

Austin 360 included Andiamo Ristorante (a wee bit up Burnet Road but well worth the trip), Barley Swine, Bartlett's, Jack Allen's Kitchen, and Szechuan House on its list of 'where to eat when it is raining' (not that it's been raining lately...). Austin 360 also included El Dorado Cafe, Hat Creek Burgers, Jack

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Allen's Kitchen, Madam Mam's, Phil's Ice-house, Pinthouse Pizza, Tarka, Top Notch, and Torchy's as good places to take the rugrats.

### Summer Moon Coffee (2301 West Anderson Lane)

Summer Moon has a few hooks in the water to get you to bite: (1) wood-fired coffee, (2) Moon Milk, and (3) hipness. Austin born, the folks behind Summer Moon roast their coffee the old-fashioned way with Texas oak in a hand-laid brick oven (when an upper atmospheric electromagnetic thermonuclear event zaps our electronics, Summer Moon will be my first stop for my last latte). I'm not exactly sure what Moon Milk is, but it has seven secret ingredients and, according to the barista, makes your coffee taste like a vanilla shake. Since I don't typically add sugar to my Joe, I can't say I loved it, but it was worth a try (and something you sweet toothers might enjoy). My unmooned latte was smooth and delicious with, perhaps by suggestion or reality, a hint of brisket-bark smokiness. The space is bright, cheery, and hip with an enormous fireplace out front that shocks this month but will be welcome come January. Summer Moon offers the usual suspects from a coffee shop but also sports breakfast tacos 'till 11:00 a.m. (or until gone), croissants, muffins, and Danishes. Oddly, you can't inspect the menu online unless you fake a remote order, so you may have to visit in the flesh to check it all out (which is not a bad idea). ☿

## Gullett Good News

Piper Browne

Despite temps in the 100s, it's back to school time already! We are so excited to see all the Geckos back on campus in just a few days. A few dates and topics to note for this busy time of year:

The Gecko Kickoff will be Thursday, August 16 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. on school grounds. This is a new tradition where students will have a chance to meet their teachers and picnic with their classmates. Food trucks will have food available to purchase, or you can bring your own. Please be aware when driving through the neighborhood that evening.

The first day of school is August 20. School hours have shifted just a little bit this year— the school day is now from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please be extra aware and cautious driving during those hours, and plan accordingly for a little more traffic!

Mrs. Brown, our principal, would love to extend a call to engagement to our whole Allandale community. Do you have a talent, passion, or area of expertise? Do you quilt or do wood working in your free time? Are you a coder or a history buff? Share your knowledge and skills with the future generation by volunteering at the school! Submit your interest on our website: <https://gullettgeckos.com/pta/volunteer-opportunities/>.

We still need a cafeteria monitor! This is a great chance to spend a couple of hours helping sweet kiddos open lunch-box containers and making sure the volume stays around a dull roar. Apply on the AISD website if you're interested!

We can't wait for all of the amazing things that are sure to happen in the 2018-19 school year! You can always learn more about what's happening at Gullett at [www.gullettgeckos.com](http://www.gullettgeckos.com).

### Here are some additional dates to get on your calendar now:

August 18: Gussy Up Gullett, 9:00 a.m. noon

September 3: Labor Day holiday

September 6: Back to School Night

September 29: Noon to 4 pm, Gullett Fall Carnival

October 5: Student holiday

October 8: No school, parent teacher conference day

November 19 – 23: Thanksgiving break

December 21 – January 4: Winter break

March 18 – 22: Spring Break (A week later than past years!)

April 19: Student holiday ☿



**National Night Out (NNO)**  
is Tuesday, October 2nd  
from 7-9pm

## Gullett Fall Carnival

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**  
**Noon to 4 pm**

**On school grounds we will have games, rides, activities, fun for kids - and adults! - of all ages. Yes, for the Gullett community, but any and all are welcome! Fun for Gullett alumni, and for future Geckos. Wristbands and tickets sold in advance at school and day of event. Trucks and stands with yummy food for all, cash sales.**





# All About Lamar

Laura Dooley



Calling all Scotties! Time to dust off those backpacks and sharpen those pencils... school starts on Monday, August 20! Your teachers and administrators at Lamar have been working diligently getting everything ready for your arrival.

Lamar will be home to over 1,200 Scotties this school year. That's a nearly 10% increase from last year! Fourteen new teachers have been brought on board

to help shepherd our students. I was able to get a sneak peek at the backgrounds of some of these educators, and I am beyond impressed. Lamar is gaining faculty with rich experience working with children in educational settings, and also varied experience in fields such as design, science, and music. What a lucky community we are to have these people among us.

Along with our new faculty comes

some new class offerings. These include a class called Creative Art Collective, two new engineering classes (Flight in Space and Energy and the Environment), two new computer science classes (different levels of computer coding), two new classes in the creative writing program (novel writing and academic/essay writing), and two new science classes (astronomy and animal science). All those in addition to the rigorous coursework already offered makes for an ambitious list of class offerings!

The music hall will still be filled with the sounds of beautiful instruments, but with some new leadership this year. Lamar's orchestra teacher of several years, Ms. Kizer, took an opportunity to teach at her high school alma mater. And our lead band teacher of several years, Mr. Hairston, will also be moving on to high school, helping to direct the band at Dripping Springs. Not to worry—both programs are in excellent hands. Our new orchestra teacher comes to us from Kealing middle school, and our very own Mr. Escobedo will move up the ranks and take the helm of the band department, assisted by a new teacher who's a saxophonist and will lead our jazz band.

In the dance department, Ms. Luna will take the lead as our former director of dance, Ms. Adams, moves into the role of Fine Arts Academy director and Academic Specialist. Our AISD Middle School Teacher of the Year from 2017-2018, Ms. Julian, will be teaching more dance classes this year, in addition to the science classes she's already teaching.

On the tech scene, Lamar took delivery of some amazing new technology this summer, including enough computers to stock three new labs: Graphic Design, Computer Science, and Digital Arts. The school also received 90 Chromebooks.

There is information at [lamarmiddleschool.org](http://lamarmiddleschool.org) regarding school supply lists for the three grades (click on the "for students" tab to access the list). Use this as a guide to get started. I can tell you from experience, however, that this is not an exhaustive list. Students will learn over the first two days of school about other items required by their teachers that are



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more class specific. Students taking PE will need to wear a grey t-shirt and black shorts; those in dance will need to dress in all black (dancers will learn more about this on their first day of class). However, keep in mind that students are not required to dress out for their first day.

The excitement is building! See you on August 20, Scotties! ☼

## It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Kristin Knifton

As the students and faculty of McCallum High School prepare to start the 65th school year since Mac opened, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate the 2018 graduates! Allandale's own Davis Roe graduated as valedictorian, having also attended Gullett Elementary and Lamar Middle School. Additionally, 13 out of 43 honor graduates were Gullett alumni. Members of the Class of 2018 are going on to attend schools such as The University of Texas at Austin, Texas



A&M, Clemson, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Boston University, Brown, and Cal Poly, just to name a few, while others are entering military service or taking gap years. We wish all of the 2018 graduates well!

Mac students are on the go! This past summer, several McCallum student groups traveled abroad through Education First Educational Tours. Ms. Carrasco (Social Studies teacher) organized a trip to Peru, where students toured Machu Picchu and spent three days helping to build a greenhouse for the local non-profit organization Peru's Challenge. Ms. Noack (IPC teacher) sponsored a group to the Dominican Republic. While there, students worked for the local non-profit Fundacion Verde Profundo to help with reforestation of mangrove trees and coral habitats. Finally, Mr. Anderson (Social Studies teacher) led a group to Iceland, where students studied the local environment and learned about the effects of climate change on the polar ice caps. Trips are being planned for next summer, so be on the lookout for school announcements.

The first day of classes for Mac will be August 20. As of the date of publication

for this newsletter, orientation and schedule changes have already occurred. If your child needs assistance and missed those dates, please contact your child's counselor. Info can be found on the NEW counselors' website: [www.maccounselors.com](http://www.maccounselors.com).

Last year's State Semi-Finalist football Knights left some pretty big shoes to fill. Come out to a game or two this season and show support to this year's team! Friday night lights are always a good time, plus you will get to see the award-winning MAC marching band and Blue Brigade performing at half-time. Volleyball is also a fun fall sport to enjoy! Please check the online calendar for an updated schedule and information for all sports: <https://mccallumhs.com/events-calendars/>.

If fine arts is more your thing, mark your calendar now for the 2018-2019 Mac Theatre schedule ([mactheatre.com](http://mactheatre.com))! First up is the musical "Starmites," with shows running the last two weekends in September. You can also catch an orchestra performance, classical guitar or band concert, dance or choir performance, or even a visual arts show. To get the latest schedule information, visit the Fine Arts

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Academy webpage at <https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/>.

Did you know? McCallum's attendance zone is one of the broadest in AISD. The zone goes from East Austin, through Brentwood, Allandale, and Highland Park, and all the way out 2222 to City Park Road. This means that we have a richness of diversity unlike any other high school in AISD. With this diversity also comes diversity of income levels. The PTSA committee MACares assists students and families in the McCallum vertical team experiencing economic hardship or family challenges that may impact school success. Currently the committee is collecting gift cards to HEB or Target in \$10-20 denominations. If you would like to help, please drop these off at the school's front office or mail to McCallum High School, attention PTSA/MACares, 5600 Sunshine Drive, Austin, TX 78756.

### Important Dates:

August 25 through September 1: Mac Book Fair at Book People. Required reading for classes available and 20% of all purchases (not just course-required books) qualify to benefit the PTSA.  
August 30: Taco Shack Bowl (MAC vs. Anderson @ House Park)  
September 3: student and staff holiday  
September 5: Back to School night (meet your child's teachers)  
September 7: football versus Lehman @ House Park  
September 13: football versus Glenn HS @ Leander  
September 20-23: Starmites (musical theatre)  
September 21: football versus LBJ @ Nelson Field  
September 27-30: Starmites (musical theatre)  
October 5: football versus Dripping Springs @ House Park  
October 8: student holiday  
October 12: football versus Lanier @ House Park

To get more frequent updates about MAC happenings, you may check the website ([mccallumhs.com](http://mccallumhs.com)), subscribe to the MacKnightly e-newsletter (link on website), follow the award-winning Mac Journalism department online at [mac-shieldonline.com](http://mac-shieldonline.com), or follow Mac Journalism on Instagram. ☘

## More Mac: Theater Update

Sabrina Wallace, MacTheatre mom and neighbor

Hello friends and neighbors, MacTheatre presents a season to #CreateYourself. The theatre is an opportunity to create the world we want to live in onstage. In 2018-2019 the talented young adults at MacTheatre invite us to create with them. If you have attended other shows at MacTheatre, you know that McCallum shows are Broadway quality level. This season will be no different but it will surprise you nevertheless. With

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## About the season

### ***Starmites* (September 20-23 and 27-30, 2018), McCallum Arts Center**

With a book by Stuart Ross and Barry Keating and music and lyrics by Barry Keating, *Starmites* brings to life the comic-book, sci-fi world of the eighties. With youthful characters, colorful dance numbers, and a pop-infused score with a dash of punk rock, this peppy piece of musical theater will enchant audiences of all ages with its message of celestial harmony. Meet Eleanor, an introverted teenager, as she finds herself magically teleported to the comic-book world she adores. *Starmites* is a playful and heartwarming adventure about the struggle of discovering who you are set to the tune of a Steven Spielberg blockbuster world.

### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream* (November 8-11, 2018), McCallum Fine Arts Theatre Building**

Enter the enchanted land of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* when MacTheatre takes you on a magical adventure through a lush forest besieged by starry-eyed love triangles and feuding fairy kingdoms, awash with magic at every turn. A story of order and disorder, reality and appearance, and love and marriage. One of Shakespeare's happiest and most beloved comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a celebration of love, innocence, and merry meddling that will entertain the entire family.

### ***42nd STREET* (Jan 31-Feb 3 and Feb 7-10, 2019), McCallum Arts Center**

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### ***Our Town* (May 16-19, 2019), McCallum Fine Arts Theatre Building**

In the small town of Grover's Corners, ordinary people lead extraordinary lives. This simple yet profound story of a community, brought to life by Thornton Wilder's singular voice, allows the audience to contemplate life, death, and the meaning of it all. Miracles are the glory of the commonplace and change comes slowly to a small New Hampshire town in the early 20th century. People grow up, get married, live, and die in a hauntingly beautiful meditation on the wonders of daily existence. Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play made its debut in 1938 and was hailed as "one of the finest achievements of the current stage." In this beautiful contemplation of the ties that bind small communities together, audiences of

all ages are led to think beyond ordinary moments in life and appreciate their existence through the lenses of time and history.

- Tickets may be purchased in advance at <https://mccallum.ludustickets.com/>.
- Student tickets are \$7; adults are \$16, and seniors are \$12. Add \$2 for tickets purchased at the door, except at the student rate.
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#### **For further information, please contact:**

Joshua Denning, Director and Theatre Teacher, McCallum High School & Fine Arts Academy at [joshua.denning@austinisd.org](mailto:joshua.denning@austinisd.org) ☎

## Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, [lhdicarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:lhdicarlo@yahoo.com)

Since the writing of the June Neighborhood Watch article the Allandale Neighborhood Association's Safety Committee has monitored crime statistics and the list-serv, painted over graffiti, helped with neighborhood issues, and attended a meeting with the city about Burnet Road.

By the time the October newsletter hits doorsteps National Night Out parties will have already occurred.

#### **Crime stats:**

There were no burglary of residences (BORs) in June and only one in July— at Northloop Apartments (2300 Northloop). There was also an attempted burglary at Austin Midtown Apartments (2819 Foster Lane) in July.

I called Northloop Apartments and spoke with property manager Shonda Thompson, who explained that the apartment complex, which is owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin

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and populated by many elderly residents and residents for whom mental health is an issue, has an APD Neighborhood Watch program called Apartment Residents on Watch (AROW). APD Officer Paula Aguilar meets with floor captains one to two times month, and they also have off duty officers who come after hours.

The manager at Austin Midtown Apartments said they have an officer who lives on site and patrols the property, and they don't need a Neighborhood Watch program.

There was one Burglary of Vehicle (BOV) and one attempted BOV in June, and four in July. The one in June and one of the July incidents occurred at Northwest Park, and are a reminder to always lock our cars and hide our valuables when we are enjoying the park and pool.

The attempted one in June was at the apartments on Lawnmont, as was one of the July BOVs. The other in July was at the Austin Midtown Apartments.

There was a robbery by assault in June at Walmart, and when I asked the investigator on the case she said she couldn't give details, but that a robbery by assault at a store usually means there was contact between a loss prevention specialist and someone attempting to shoplift. There wasn't much of an altercation or it would have been called robbery by aggravated assault. A robbery by assault also occurred in the 4000 block of Shoal Creek Boulevard, in which credit cards, money, and a cell phone were stolen, but I did not get more details on that case.

There was another credit card skimming incident July 24 at the 7-11/Exxon at 7844 Burnet Road, so I suggest any time you get gas there you go inside to pay.

#### List-serv:

Discussions on the list-serv related to crime and safety since the beginning of June included:

- Lots of back and forth about the Shoal Creek Conservancy's proposal to limit parking to one side of the street on SCB in hopes of creating safer cycling. Some on the list-serv were skeptical of biking in general, and fearful of more safety issues if proposed changes are made. This topic was first discussed at a packed ANA meeting back in December and most recently at the

July meeting I wasn't able to attend.

- The problem of private and contractor trash getting dumped at NW Park was brought up. Please call 311 if you see items that have been dumped or 911 if you see someone in the act.
- Caroline Reynolds posted a request for someone to patrol Allandale for contractors who are obstructing streets. Please let me know if you are interested in helping report this problem.

#### Fourth of July:

I was bummed when extended family plans took me out of town over the Fourth, so we didn't have a safety committee table at the parade this year. We still had face painting though, thanks to Faye and Lily Holland, Sofie and Paul Schlaub, and Chloe Lein.

#### Safety Committee Activities:

- Officer Beldin has continued to issue United Auto Group citations as needed for cars parked in the right of way.
- Covered graffiti on Burnet Road poles
- Have continued to ask the City of Austin Transportation Department staff for more yield to pedestrian signs for bikers and more painted bikes in the ped/bike lane on Great Northern Boulevard because bike sharrows (shared lane markings) painted on the road make it appear that all bikes should travel in the car lanes.
- Joined ANA EC members for a meeting with the city regarding Burnet Road mobility bond improvements and made the case that encouraging biking on Burnet may not be as safe as they are hoping it to be. There have been few bike accidents on Burnet over the years and I believe this is due to other north/south

roads like SCB being better suited for bikers.

- Met with the city about residents' concerns that the left turn from Strass onto Hancock is unsafe due to limited visibility. Thanks to Carol Walker for her leadership on this. Rana Hirsh recapped to the list-serv the plan including a sign the city will erect to indicate the intersection, that drivers on Strass can stop at the line then pull forward to see better before turning on Hancock, and residents should call 311 or use the 311 app any time vegetation is blocking vision.
- Followed up on concerns a resident of the Tiffany Condos (NE corner of Foster and SCB) had about noisy trash collection in the middle of the night; Officer Beldin involved but turns out DR Officer Darrell Grayson already involved because it's his area.

#### National Night Out (NNO):

NNO will take place on Tuesday, October 2, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. According to the COA website, NNO is

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## Neighborhood Watch

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designed to “heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, (and) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighbors are organized and fighting back.” On the first Tuesday of every October in Austin (the national one is in

August but it’s too hot in Austin in August) residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside at events such as block parties, cook-outs and neighborhood walks. Police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, etc. are a part of the festivities. Block captains registered with the APD have received a registration form

so that they can have fire trucks and other personnel/activities at their outdoor events that night.

NNO registration goes until September 14<sup>th</sup>, and the kickoff event will take place Saturday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Reagan HS where those registered can each pick up a free goodie bag and t-shirt for their party.

Please contact your block captain if you would like to help with this event on your street or go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/nno> for more information.

As always, please contact me with questions, concerns, or if you are interested in getting involved with the safety committee. You can become a block captain, help remove graffiti, patrol, help plan and run the Take10 CPR training each February, and more!

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# Out of the Past Collectibles, Keeping the Faith on Keep Austin Weird

Laura Beck

I remember meeting Austin Doerr at Gullett in the midst of me planning my first Fall Carnival. He was friendly, helpful and generous in a sincere and genuine way that has been consistent of him, his mom and dad, and daughter, in the seven years I've known their family. I did not know then that Austin was part of his family business, Out of the Past, a collectibles store at 5341 Burnet Road. But once I did learn that, it made a lot more sense where and how he was able to get a huge box of brand new parrot stuffed animals, and another huge box of brand new McDonald's happy meal toys, all of which we could use as prizes at the Carnival.

When I visited the store after Carnival to drop off a thankyou card, I met Austin's mom for the first time. Linda Branson started the store, runs the place, and keeps an amazing mental catalog of everything in the store. Linda and her husband, Ted, had a similar store for eight years on South Congress, but as soon as \$100 T-shirts began to be sold next door, it was time for them to move north to their neighborhood. Out of the Past Col-

lectibles has been on Burnet Road since June 1997, and the Bransons and Doerrs are our neighbors too.

This family is exceedingly generous, from donating goodies, as well as volunteering at Gullett, to sponsoring NWA kickball teams, to supporting the local music scene with donations, events, even booking bands. Ted is a DJ on KOOP radio and supports their community projects. Within the jam packed walls of the store is a music lovers' treasure hunt. Yes, CDs and cassettes, but also endless vinyl. Vintage all the way back to some of the first records cut, as well as one-of-a-kind kitschy album covers. There are also band and tour posters.

Beyond music posters are all sorts of prints, signs, art, including old Austin vintage. Vintage and new (many still in original packaging, loads of pop animation figures) collectibles and toys cram the shelves and walls from action figures (loads of Star Wars) to match box cars to games. There are comic books aplenty. A Plenty!

Christmas ornaments. Vintage beads.

Loads of costume jewelry as well as higher end, like genuine turquoise. Shelves of jewelry boxes to put your baubles in. Purses. Cowboy boots. Campaign buttons. Dishes and kitchenware— wow! Shelves of silver plate, and glassware and vintage bottles. China of all patterns. Why oh why did I not come here the year my daughter wanted a tea party birthday and I bought one little cup and saucer at a time at a dozen stores? One visit and I would have been done!

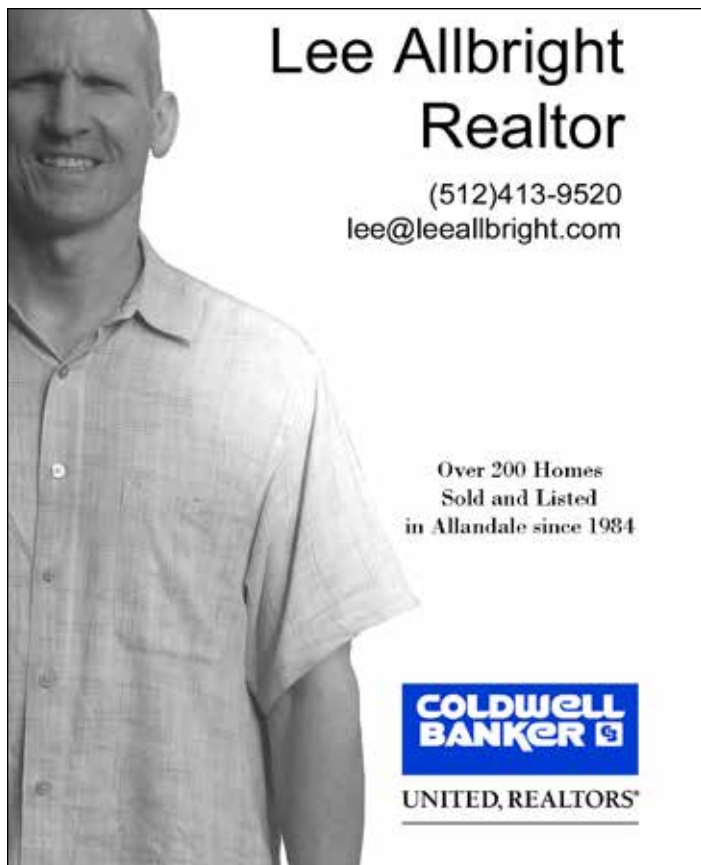
Linda says top sellers are furniture, toys and jewelry. How do they get all this stuff? The store is Buy Sell Trade seven days a week, no appointment, just walk in. There is always new stuff coming in (and going out). And they buy houses. What? Austin told me Linda just "bought out" a three-bedroom home in Houston, taking on all its contents. Buying entire estates helps them stock their shelves, as well as the "mini" version of the store they take to the monthly citywide garage sales and various other shows such as the Austin Record Convention and Austin's Toy Show.

Linda was pretty strong about this: she said the inspiration for the store came years ago when she was talking with a dealer who said he wasn't buying right now, only selling. She believed it should always be both, always buying and selling, and thus the store was born.

This is Keep Austin Weird IRL (In Real Life). Out of the Past Collectibles is a neighborhood business, and the Bransons are our neighbors. Like any other business on Burnet Road that has been around more than the past few years, it is a struggle. Rent prices have doubled in the last 22 years and are likely going up again.

All of us can do our part to help keep what's unique about Burnet Road right in Allandale by supporting stores like Out of the Past. From my visit for this story, what did I walk out with? Though I was tempted by the vintage Charlie's Angels lunch box, I scored an awesome Maneki-Neko, what you likely know of as the Chinese good luck cat with the raised-up paw (Interestingly, it is actually Japanese!) When I asked Linda how much, she said \$3, and wouldn't take the \$5 I offered without giving me change. Next time you have a random need or wish, go to Out of the Past Collectibles first. Odds are, they have it!

**Out of the Past Collectibles, 5341 Burnet Rd, open seven days a week: Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. ☿**



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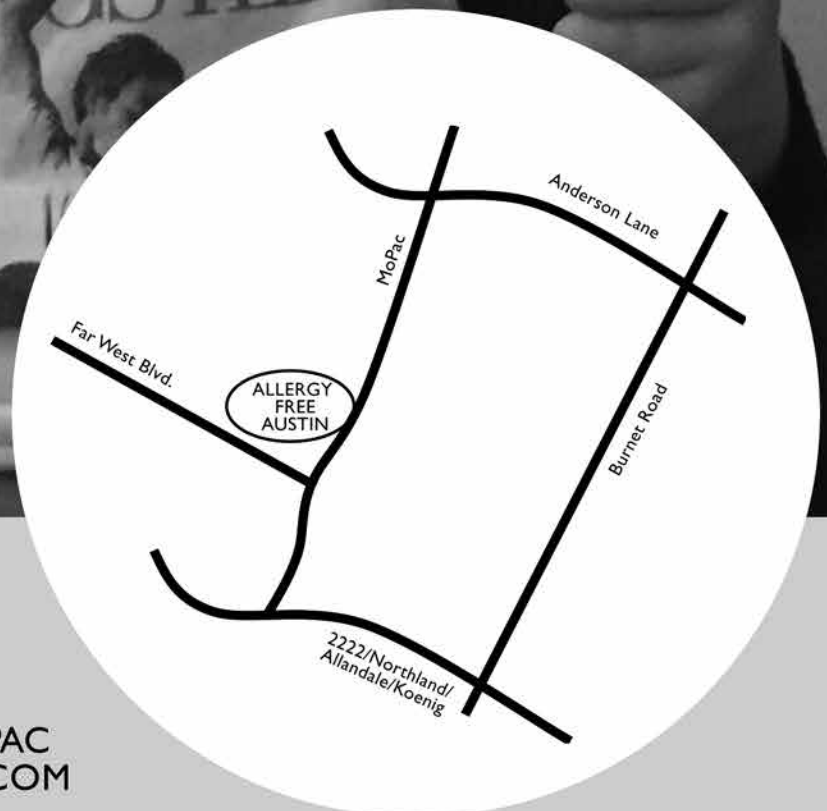
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# Changes Coming to Shoal Creek Boulevard – Not So Fast

Adam Haynes

Like many of you, I was surprised when I reviewed the Shoal Creek Trail Vision to Action Plan by the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) on June 29. I was not surprised by the release of the plan. After all, the ANA hosted the SCC at our monthly meeting in December 2017. At that meeting, our neighbors and the ANA Board were clear about our opposition to the proposal, and we believed we secured a commitment by the SCC to work with our Association and neighbors on the plan going forward. I was, however, surprised by the apparent disregard of the concerns expressed by Allandale residents regarding the redesign of Shoal Creek Boulevard (SCB).

In case you have not seen the plan, please review it here <https://shoalcreekconservancy.org/trailplanrelease>. But to save you a few minutes and clicks, the plan proposes to transform the Shoal Creek Trail from Lady Bird Lake to the Domain, including a redesign of Shoal Creek Boulevard (SCB) from 38th Street to Highway 183. The plan proposes to shift vehicle traffic on SCB, eliminate street parking on the west side, shift all street parking to the east side, install a separated two-way bike-only path on the west side, and widen sidewalks up to twelve feet where appropriate.

As mentioned, representatives from the SCC presented many of the aspects of this plan to the neighborhood in December. At that meeting, many neighbors objected to the redesign of SCB. We explained how we live with SCB everyday while many users of the roadway only use it to bypass MoPac or as a training route on their regular bike rides. Unfortunately, those concerns were mostly ignored.

Fortunately for Allandale, however, Councilwoman Leslie Pool invited all parties to a meeting to discuss the plan. At that meeting, representatives of the ANA Board expressed the neighborhood's frustrations and asked for more input into the development of any plan involving SCB. Councilwoman Pool responded and directed the city staff to delay all formal briefings on the plan, asked the SCC to rework the plan to remove the redesign of SCB as a priority, and urged the ANA to develop specific concerns regarding the redesign. We all owe a big THANKS to Councilwoman Pool for giving us more time to make our voices heard.

That is where you come in. The ANA formed a Special Committee to focus on the plan. We are developing our concerns and meeting with the SCC to ensure those issues are addressed. You can join our Google Group here <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/allandale-bike-lanes> and get busy developing solutions for our neighborhood. Please also submit any feedback you have on the plan by August 31 at: <https://shoalcreekconservancy.org/trailplanfeedback/>. ☺

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Erin Ray

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## Update on Burnet Road Corridor Plan

By Allan McMurtry

The Burnet Road Corridor Improvement Plan (the Plan) has been funded. That means early planning for changes to Burnet Road is underway. The city has tentatively scheduled a meeting for September 6, 2018, at Lamar Middle School, to discuss the Plan. Keep a watch out for signage about the meeting. You may also begin to notice city field crews doing survey work for trees, topography, boundaries, and geotechnical borings.

The portion of Burnet that most affects Allandale runs 1.5 miles from Koenig Lane north to Anderson Lane. There are approximately 197 business establishments along the route on 79 lots. A number of the lots are small, some being less than 10,000 sq. ft. Of the lots, 28 lots have multiple curb cuts to facilitate customer traffic.

Small businesses and the Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) have met with the City to go over issues of importance. On May 9, the ANA Executive Committee passed a resolution expressing its concerns about the Plan, which was sent to the city. It can be found

at: <https://tinyurl.com/ANA-BurnetRd>.

Some of the ANA's and small business' concerns include:

1. Raised medians down the entire length from Koenig to Anderson Lane: Businesses are concerned about medians that cut off customers turning left. Economic studies show that the businesses most affected by medians are those: with a single location, in the middle of the block, lack quality of access management, are small retail, service stations, or fast food places. Reduced curb cuts into businesses are also a concern. Again, this issue has an impact on ease of use by customers.
2. Bicycle lanes out of the roadway and onto an 8' sidewalk: Putting the bicyclists on a sidewalk out of the main roadway is plus for the safety of the bicyclists.
3. Signalization: This relates to timing of turns and pacing of traffic.
4. Lane widths: A reduction from 12' to 11'-10' is being studied.

5. Additional pedestrian crossings: These would require a study to determine if they are merited based on pedestrian use.
6. Traffic in the neighborhood: Medians without U-turns create a need for customers to circle the block or reroute through the neighborhood to come in upstream of the business they want to pull into.

Your job in all this is to attend the meetings and learn some of the specifics of design proposed by the City and ascertain their impacts on you, the way you shop and drive, the business and schools that will be impacted, and people who will use the road. Your input is critical. It is fair to say that Burnet could well be the template for other corridors. The hope is that new ideas can be brought forward to make Burnet unique in the way it handles traffic, shoppers, pedestrians, cyclists, and other aspects of a road that contributes to a safe and viable community. ☼

## Allandale Eating - A Field of Hoppy Dreams in the 78758 Beer District

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like me like the Hotbox Coffee Porter, the Beerito, and Death by Coconut. They have inside (AC'd!) and outside spaces to enjoy brews as well as a proper stage. They also, from time to time, have food trucks.

### Fairweather Cider Company (10609 Metric Boulevard)

I know, I know: cider, even hard cider, ain't beer. But it's got alcohol in it, right? In reality, it's hard to pass up the hard apple goodness and fun from Fairweather. Offering 12 different dry ciders on tap, there's plenty to taste. With four five-ounce samples for \$10, we went with Common (dry, tart, fruity); Tejano Dreams (with Anaheim chiles); Smell the Van (with gin botanicals); and The Grape Situation (with skins from seasonal Hill Country grapes). The Grape Solution was by far our fave. The tasting room is small, but cheery.

### Coming Soon: Hopsquad Brewing Company (2307 Kramer Lane)

Coming in September is yet another brewery, Hopsquad. Based on their Facebook page, they will roll out a Dutchess of Oltorf Roggenbier, a Professor Pleasant Pale Ale, a Lord Grackle IPA, a Dr. Montopolis Pilsner, and a Countess Duvel Saison (that's the hopsquad!) with a promise of chile and mezcabal barrel-aged beers in the future. ☿

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